(e) During the last 3 years, 1993-94 to 1995-96, an aggregate outlay of Rs. 1740.27 crores was provided for development/modernisation of Major Ports, in the country. As against this, the actual expenditure has been around Rs. 1010.79 crores.

(f) During 1996-97, an outlay of Rs. 576.60 crores has been provided for development of Major Ports.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT SHOWING SCHEMES/PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION

Name of the private firm	Scheme/Project
Leasing of Existing Berths/Assests of the Port	
1. M/s Geepee Corporation	Leasing of berths No. 6 at Kandla Port for handling bulk and break bulk cargos.
2. M/s Bengal Tiger Lines	Long term berth reservation agreement.
3. M/s American President Lines	Agreement for use of berth No. 1, Indira Dock Complex, Bombay Port. [The agreement has since ceased].
4. M/s Chokhani Shipyard (Bengal) Limited	Leasing of NS Dry Dock 1 and 2 with adjacent lands and wet berths for setting up of ship repair facilities at Calcutta Port [Calcutta Port Trust has taken back the facility due to default by the firm].
Creation of Fresh Berths	
5. M/s Reliance	Construction of Asia Bulk Terminal Off Goa Coast [has since backed out]
Creation of Storage Facilities/Warehouses	
6. M/s SPIC	Leasing of land for storage and despatch of LPG in Tuticorin Port.
7. M/s Suraj Agro Private Ltd.	Leasing of land for creation of storage facilities for non-hazardous liquid bulk cargo at Madras Port.
8. M/s Ganesh Benzoplast Ltd.	Leasing of land for creation of storage facilities for 'B' and 'C' liquid chemicals.
9. M/s Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	Leasing of land for creation of storage facilities for class 'B' and 'C' liquid chemicals.
10. M/s. Tinna Oils & Chemicals Limited	Leasing of Transit Shed at Visakhapatnam Port for setting up mechanical cargo handling facilities.
Creation of Dock and Ship Repair Facilities	
11. M/s Western India Shipyard Limited	Setting up a floating dry dock and ship repair facilities at Mormugao Port.
12. M/s Chowkhani International Limited	Setting up of ship repair facilities at Madras Port.

[Translation]

L.M.P. Course

4738. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN *alias* PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of trained doctors in proportion to the population in the country;

(b) whether earlier Licenciate Medical Practitioner (L.M.P.) course was available under which it was possible to get the training with lesser finance and in shorter time;

(c) if so, when and why this course of public utility was discontinued;

(d) whether the Government propose to re-introduce the short term course like LMP to make available trained doctors in the rural areas in place of quacks; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) As per information available doctor population ratio comes to about 1:2200. However, taking into account the availability of registered medical practioners from other systems of medicine like Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani etc. numbering to 5.6 lakhs, ratio comes to about 1:950. This figures compares favourably with a number of developing and other middle group countries of the world.

(b) and (c) The Licenciate Medical Course has been discontinued from 22nd January, 1980 by the Medical Council of India with the aporoval of the Central Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply given at (a) above.